

**Associated Students of Santa Monica College  
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 7, 2012 3:00 PM  
Cayton Center, Room #202  
MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order 3:07 PM**

**II. Roll Call**

AS President: Harrison Wills <b>P</b>	Director of Student Services: Hua Diao <b>P</b>
AS Vice President: Jasmine Delgado <b>P</b>	Director of Sustainability: Marjohnny Torres-Nativi <b>P</b>
AS Secretary: Brenda Villafana <b>P</b>	ICC Chair: David Stavis <b>P</b>
Director of Academic Support: William Sun <b>P</b>	ICC Vice Chair: Jasmine Jafari <b>P</b>
Director of Activities: Leslie Estrada <b>P</b>	ICC Secretary: Karin Chan <b>P</b>
Director of Budget Management: Yian Chen <b>P</b>	Student Trustee: Joshua Scuteri <b>P</b>
Director of Instructional Support: Marco Vivero <b>P</b>	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn <b>P</b>
Director of Financial Support: Jessica Chuan <b>A</b>	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes <b>P</b>
Director of Student Outreach: Cameron Espinoza <b>A</b>	Faculty Senate Liaison: Eric Oifer <b>A</b>
Director of Publicity: DJ Davids <b>L 3:43 PM</b>	

**III. Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion to Approve Made by Yian, Seconded Motion Approved**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**4.1 Approval of Minutes from Monday, April 30, 2012**

- **Motion to Approve Made by Yian, Seconded Motion Approved**

**4.2 Approval of Minutes from Wednesday May 2, 2012**

- **Motion to Approve Made by Jasmine D., Seconded Motion Approved**

**V. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Person)**

**Nehasi R. Lee** (Pepper spray and shared governance request. Presented a Pasadena City College paper to Board to see other discourse about contract education. Would like to speak with Director of Academic Support and President about specific shared governance clarifications.)

**Martha Clayton** (Special meeting on Wednesday May 2, Contract Education. Yian's position rooted on capitalism, but our government is about democracy. Education not a commodity, cannot apply them to a concept only to a product. Brings up issue of standardized testing for funding, could spread to community colleges. Have to keep pushing and stay strong because otherwise cuts will continue. Has to be a better way, coming to us in community college through Student Success Taskforce. )

- **Motion to Extend Public Comment for 2 more minutes made by David, Seconded Motion Approved**

**VI. Consent Items**

**6.1** Approval of funding for **Dentistry Club** to provide donuts during meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This includes 36 donuts (Jonathan Yomtoubian, ICC Allotment: \$25.47)

**6.2** Approval of funding for **Early Childhood Education Professional Development Club** to hold ECEPD Children's Art Day on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. This includes 5 gallons washable tempera paints, 24 wooden brushes, shipping, fuel surcharge, tax, and miscellaneous (Nichkasha Charles, ICC Allotment: \$130.00).

**6.3** Approval of funding for **Hillel** to make t-shirts for graduating members. This includes 50 t-shirts (Note: Not for promotional purpose. Michal Simon, ICC Allotment: \$200.00).

- **Motion to Approval Made by Jasmine D., Seconded Motion Approved**

## VII. Information Items

### 7.1 Advisors' and Academic Senate Liaison Reports

- **Dean of Student Life Deyna Hearn**
  1. I am surprised at the lack of attentiveness from the Board to those that are making public comments. We need to conduct ourselves in a business manner and act responsibly. This is the job of the Chair to make sure this happens but we are all accountable for our actions.
  2. Elections behind us now, anyone in audience were candidates I commend you. Those who lost keep with it. Character of a person comes out when they lose. There were a number of challenges in the Election Committee. 1767 voted versus 3767 last year. Lowest turnout this year. Got most votes during Club Row and after that.
  3. Will give out dates of Director Orientation. We need the Board to share their experiences.
  4. Last day of activities is May 31<sup>st</sup>, last week is week of graduation. Auxiliary needs receipts by a certain date. Have four more meetings left.
  5. Think of business that still needs to be done.
  6. President's Ambassadors application deadline needed to be extended to Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.
  7. Thank you to Jasmine J. for helping in Club Row and helping David.
- **Counselor/Student Advisor Benny Blaydes**
  1. Thank you Jasmine J. for coming in the middle of Spring and really doing an excellent job.
  2. Reminder May 15<sup>th</sup> Governor's recommendations coming in.

### 7.2 Director's Reports (2 Minutes Per Person)

**Marco:** Commissioners put together thank you cards to telecom, Cayton lab, academic computing. Have been great with accommodating our needs so make sure to sign each card.

**Jasmine J.:** Solved our canopy problems. Thank you to "team kickass", recruited random people to move things around. Cameron took several really nice photos. DJ and Chris thank you as well. Our total cost for everything was \$505.00 and our budget was \$5,000.000.

**David:** Winners announced for Club Row. Working on Constitution Committee, Dean Hearn advising that if names of Director positions are changed in by-laws it will be updated. CC has offered up language for 4 specific positions so far.

**Jasmine D.:** If anyone would like to create publicity for voter registration drive let me know. Cal grant recommendations coming and publicity needed and welcomed. Found cards in our offices while cleaning up and seems like we could utilize them for this issue. Tell state legislators to stop cutting funds from SMC, still have time to use them. Commending Cameron for using this announcement board for AS and articles. Joint Council Wednesday 3 pm, not attending because going to DPAC. Constitution Committee on Monday of next week at 11 AM.

**Harrison:** Congrats to all who won in the elections and that all those involved in it stay involved. Looking at past election results and this year was above average. Last year we broke the record and this year's results higher than other years. Publicly financed elections are a great idea and creates equality. I hope we can make changes to make it work next year if the new Board wants to continue this idea. Happy we are all here today and that we encourage others to stay involved.

**William:** Responding to Nehasi, approached me around 7PM. It seemed like he didn't know what he was talking about. I am happy to discuss with him anything he would want to discuss during office hours or just in the office.

**Leslie:** Events for May 29<sup>th</sup> planning, 3<sup>rd</sup> to last AS Event. We have college fair tomorrow, vets association providing food trucks on campus. Wednesday have financial day awareness, Hillel event at the clock tower. Relay for Life on Saturday.

### 7.3 Committee Reports (2 Minutes Per Committee)

**David:** ICC Constitution Committee meeting tomorrow or Wednesday, finalize all amendments to be voted on at the next and last ICC Meeting unless we add a special meeting, agenda will be posted by Thursday. Election Committee will meet again this year to clear up specific issues.

**Jasmine D.:** For Constitution Committee I need the Board to email me recommendations for their position's by-laws.

### VIII. Action Item

**8.1** Approval of redirection of election funds to election candidates as reimbursement for up to \$75.

- **Motion to Approve Made By Marco, Seconded**
- **Motion to Call to Question Made by Jasmine D., Seconded**  
**Motion Approved**
- **Motion Fails**
- **Motion to Recall 8.1, Seconded**  
**Motion Approved**
- **Motion to Amend to** "Approval of redirection of election funds as reimbursement for election costs for up to \$75 to all election candidates regardless of financial need to." **Made by Jasmine J., Seconded**  
**Motion Approved**
- **Amended 8.1 Approved**

### IX. Discussion Item

**9.1** Alternative options for Funding Classes.

**Summary:** Sheet created by Jasmine D. Don't have temporary options on this sheet as pointed out by David. Salary cuts not the best option, might not make SMC the best place, could encourage staff to leave according to DJ. Are we supposed to ask professor's to cut their salaries? DJ saying that there are contradictions to Harrison's argument. David agrees with DJ, Trustees are looking at short and long term measures. We want to give Trustees options to look at. Agree that every point DJ is making is astute and might have repercussions, five year plan way to go, tired of contract education and want to talk about what AS can do. William agrees with DJ and David. Want to ask them to cut money because think they make too much, they have their own families and it isn't the way to go. Joshua says this is not finding a solution. Is a gesture of unity but nothing we could coerce professors to do. Have presented this option to the Board of Trustees but it is just as unsustainable as contract education. David wants us to discuss long term AS options an actual plan about how we can make a difference. SMC have a huge capital budget but can use those for operating funds. Contract out bond money and goes to contractors. Proposal from audience member is that companies SMC does business should use some of that money to make classes for training purposes. Jasmine D. brought a page she referenced for her sheet. Point of people making more money is that is gives them an incentive, need to give more pay to positions that are higher and do more. David says what DJ is referencing is management theory. SMC gets revenue from F-1 visa students and SMC can use that for anything. President Tsang uses that and we need him to tell us what it is for, a total of \$24 million dollars. Need to know figures about how much it costs to run a class etc. Marco suggests increasing class size limit, increasing distance education classes. Having two dates for enrollment could be more equitable, two classes per enrollment. DJ says that we can't account for what the \$24 million is spent goes into the budget. Need to talk about a solution that won't take from our own campus. Need to bring in money to campus. David wants to integrate the student body, opt out mailing list for student body. Need to integrate community, such as businesses in Santa Monica. Business networks that we go to business for over and over. Need to mobilize community. Dean Hearn's concerns are that we don't want the Board to waste time and spend energy in vain. It is critical that the next Board be involved. This is a challenge because everyone is at different levels of information. Everyone has the responsibility to check information. Need information in order to move forward. Need to sit down with faculty, staff, administrators, etc before decisions are made. Distance education could work but talks of low retention. Maybe make list of questions we need to know and need to be answered.

- **Motion to Suspend the Rules Made by Jasmine J., Seconded**  
**Motion Fails**

### X. Adjournment 4:22 PM (Quorum was lost.)